

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. M:18-27

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Americus Dawson House

other

2. Location

street & number 15528 Schaeffer Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg

☒ vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue

telephone (410) 260-8192

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u> </u> <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/	<u> </u> <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> culture	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u> <u> </u>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u> </u> <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u> </u> <u> </u>

buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Americus Dawson House is located at 15528 Schaeffer Road in Montgomery County, Maryland within the boundaries of Seneca Creek State Park.

This house is typical of rural farmhouses in Maryland with a stone foundation, clapboard siding covered over with asbestos siding, and a tin seamed roof. Many parts of the structure are covered over with plywood to protect it from the elements, so it is impossible to completely see the fenestration. The design consists of a T-shaped plan with later additions added to the south and west facades. The front facade (east) has an open front porch that spans the length of the original section of the house. Surrounding the farmhouse are various deteriorated early Twentieth century farm outbuildings such as barns and a silo.

The interior is still in good condition with many of the original elements of the farmhouse still intact such as the wooden floors, molding, and beams.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

This house is significant as a typical example of rural farmhouse design in Maryland. It is currently being restored by Meredith Steere under the Curatorship Program of the Department of Natural Resources.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment : Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farming

Known Design Source: Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Quadrangle name Germantown

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charlie Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization MD Department of Natural Resources

date 11/97

street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue

telephone (410) 260-8192

city or town Annapolis

state and zip code MD 21401

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023
410-514-7646

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Americus Dawson House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Schaeffer Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Boys				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Melrod, Inc.				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE	
Rockville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a frame structure with a wing extending to the west. The main block is five bays, with a central gable; the roof framing indicates that three south bays are older than the two north bays. South of this block is a 1-1/2 story, three bay section. The three easternmost bays of the wing are two-story, with a two-bay, one story section to the west. At the south end of the main block, there is a large internal chimney. The entire house was originally clapboarded, but is now covered with asbestos siding. A one story porch with bracketed posts, extends across the front of the main block.</p> <p>South of the house is a slave quarters, built in two section on either side of a large stone chimney. Both are 1-1/2 stories and sheathed with clapboards.</p>	

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2. SIGNIFICANCE

19th Century

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 6 May 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70
10/9		23/98-1
10/11		24/12
10/22		24/14
10/25		24/15
10/54		25/1
10/71		25/10-1
10/73	15/68	27/5
	15/69	27/7
10/74	16/19	*27/11
11/8	*17/4	*27/13
12/14-1	17/55	28/15
12/16	18/1	28/26
12/26	18/9	30/3
	18/22	30/7
13/15	18/27	30/9
13/16	18/29-1	30/15
13/28	19/8	30/17
13/32	19/18	30/19
	19/20	31/9
14/1	20/6	33/3
14/15	20/14	33/5
14/18	20/27	33/11
14/19	22/5	*34/1
14/23	22/6-1	*34/9
14/30	22/18	
14/31	22/21	
14/40	22/22	
14/48	22/23	
14/54	22/24	
15/10	23/13	
15/11		
15/18		
*15/62		

Site No.

35/6
36/9
*37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8707 Georgia Ave. • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3701

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

5/13/82

ACTION TAKEN

Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.

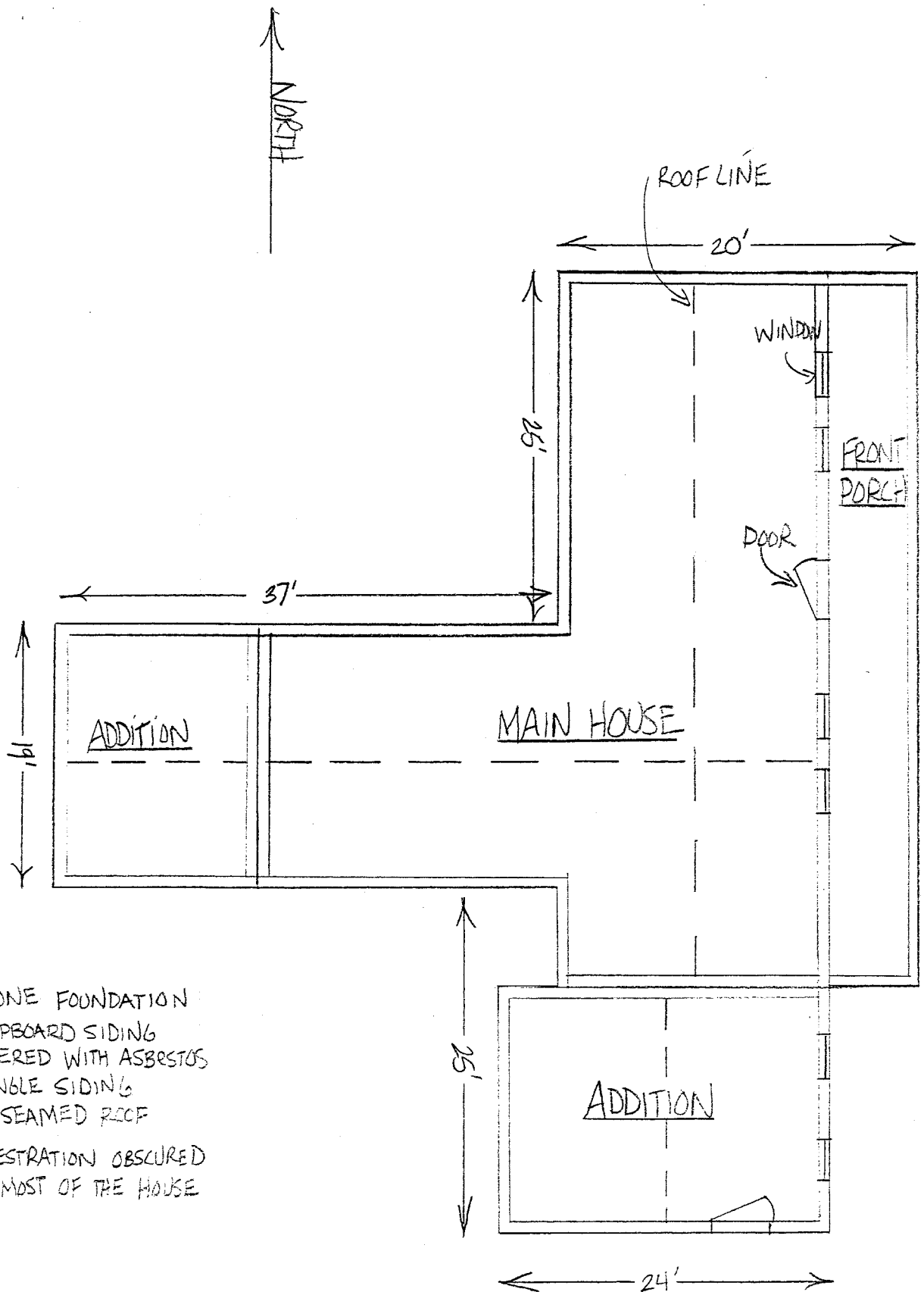
24 Sites Removed From
Historical Atlas
on April 29, 1982

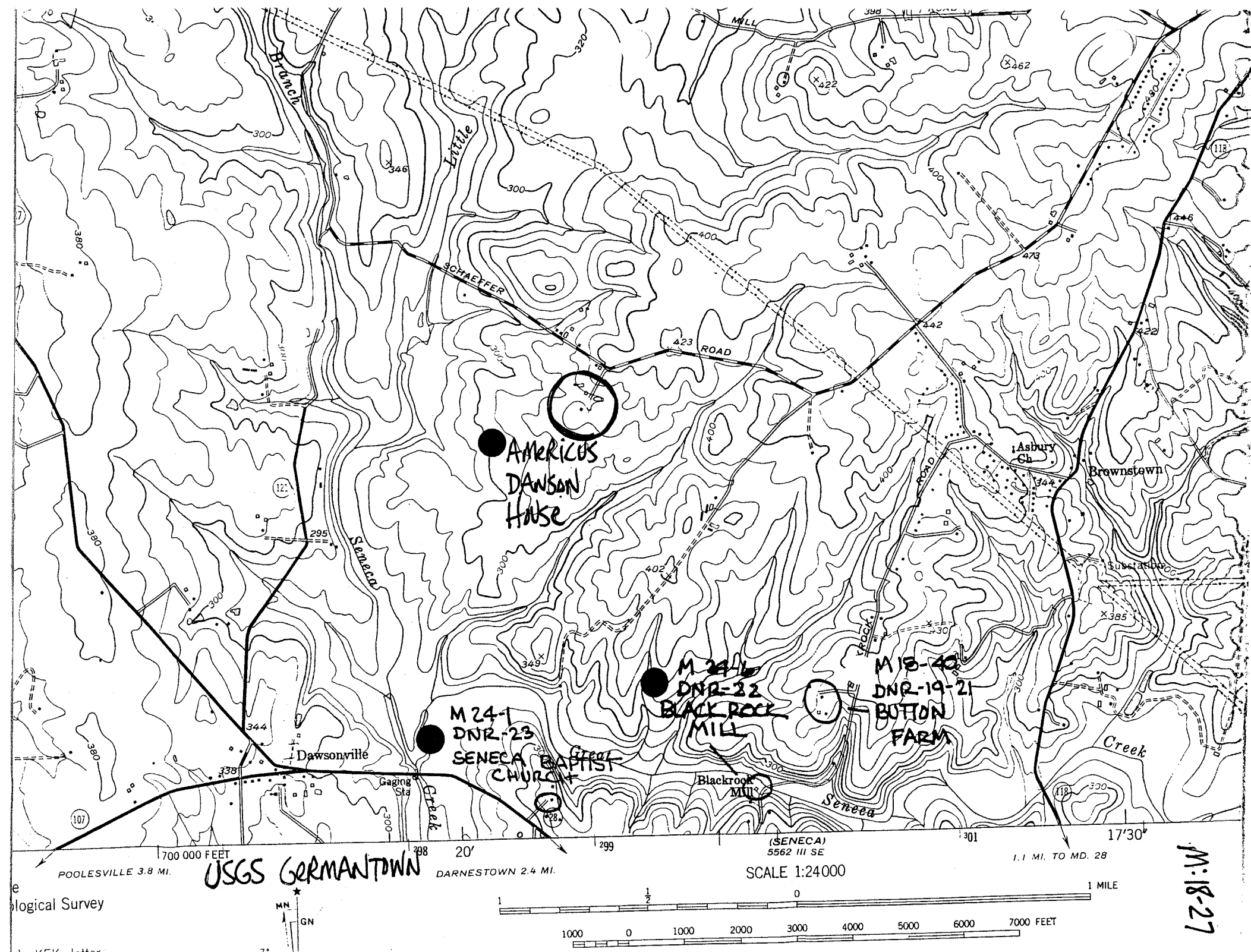
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<u>SITE</u>	<u>INDEX NO.</u>	<u>DEP CASE NO.</u>
1. Moxley Log Cabins	10/2	10-1-60, 10-1-57, 10-1-58
2. Mary Day House	10/9	10-2-181
3. Glaze Log House	10/22	10-2-222
4. Middleton King Farm	10/25	14-2-94
5. Thomas Hilton Farm	11/8	10-2-29
6. Sellman Station	12/14	7-1-366
7. William T. Poole House	12/16	7-1-315
8. McKendree Bowman Farm	14/1	10-6-135
9. Abandoned Log House	14/19	10-3-24
10. Sylvester Burns House	14/23	10-3-29
11. William Soper House	14/30	10-3-17
12. A Mullinix Log House	15/11	10-4-286
13. Etchinson Log House	15/18	11-3-148
14. Caleb Carr House	15/68	13-2-4
15. Ashton Acres Farm	15/69	12-2-17A
16. James Dawson Farm	18/22	18-2-93
17. Americus Dawson Farm	18/27	9-3-44
18. Brownstown School	18/29	
19. Caven/Sabine Farm	22/5	11-2-228A
20. Cooke's Range/Pope Farm	22/22	11-2-223
21. Howard Log Cabin	23/8	11-4-85
22. Jones/Claggett Farm	24/14	9-4-154
23. Travilah Town Hall	25/10	9-2-223
24. Mills House	24/15	

AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE
SENECA CREEK STATE PARK; MONTGOMERY CO., MD
DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, OCTOBER 28, 1997
SCALE

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.E. ELEVATION

1 OF 8



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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SOUTH ELEVATION

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MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.E. ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.W. ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.W. ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW OF FARM BUILDINGS (SOUTH)

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW OF FARM BUILDINGS (WEST)

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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, MD

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFB



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFW



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NAME AMERKUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md.

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 M. DWYER



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd. DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 H. DWYER



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, MD

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, GA

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFB



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - SUMMER KITCHEN?

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 M DWYER



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - CHIMNEY FOR
KITCHEN

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd
DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 M DWYER



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - BARN

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD